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In Reply Refer To:

Order No. MT-040-19-01

SPECIAL STAGE 1 FIRE RESTRICTIONS ORDER OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FIELD MANAGER, SETTING FORTH RESTRICTIONS AND CONDITIONS OF USE IN THE SOUTH DAKOTA FIELD OFFICE

Pursuant to 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 9212.2, the following acts are prohibited on all lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the following counties: Harding, Butte, Meade, Pennington, Custer, Fall River, Perkins, and Stanley.

These restrictions will become effective at 12:01 a.m., MDT, September 28th, 2019. They will remain in effect until rescinded or revoked.

Building, maintaining, attending, or using a campfire except as designated below [43 CFR 9212.1 (h)].

Campfires are allowed within metal fire pits at the following BLM recreation site: Fort Meade Recreation Area.

Smoking, except within an enclosed vehicle or building, a developed, designated recreation site, or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable materials [43 CFR 9212.1 (h)].

EXEMPTIONS: Only the following exemptions to the above prohibitions are allowed for this special order:

Persons with a written permit that specifically authorizes the otherwise prohibited act.

Persons using a fire solely fueled by liquid petroleum or LPG fuels.

Persons conducting activities in those designated areas where the activity is specifically authorized by written posted BLM permit.

A federal, state, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty. Land within a city boundary is exempt, but may be subject to restrictions imposed by that city.

An exemption does not absolve an individual or organization from liability or responsibility for any fire started by the exempted activity.

DEFINITIONS: The following definitions are cited for this special order:

Restriction: A limitation on activity or use.

<u>Campfire</u>: A fire, not within any building, mobile home, or living accommodation mounted on a vehicle, which is not used for cooking, branding, personal warmth, lighting, ceremonial, or aesthetic purposes. Campfires are open fires, usually built on the ground, from native fuels or charcoal, including charcoal grills.

<u>Developed Recreation Site</u>: An area that has been improved or developed for recreation. A developed recreation site is signed as an agency-owned campground or picnic area.

Improved Site: An area that has been cleared and has an established fire barrier that restricts fire spread. These areas also include improvements such as picnic tables and/or toilets.

Permit: A written document issued by an authorized representative to specifically authorize and otherwise prohibited act.

Violation of this order is prohibited by the provisions of the regulations cited. Under 43 CFR 9212.4, any violation is subject to punishment by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 12 months, or both.

Information regarding these fire restrictions may be obtained by calling the South Dakota Field Office at (605) 892-7000.

Dated this 27th day of September, 2019, at Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

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